

REMARKS

Amendment to the Claims

Claim 17 is amended on the 16th line to refer to "threshold comparison state machine" for the sake of consistency with other references to the state machine.

A dash is inserted between "down" and "converted" in Claim 40, lines 3 and 4 and in claim 44, line 2 for consistency.

The amendments do not add new matter and merely clarify the claims.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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